



City of Firebaugh

# Police Department

**To:** Firebaugh Residents and Business Owners  
**From:** Chief Salvador Raygoza, Director of Emergency Services  
**Date:** May 7, 2020  
**Re:** Official Order for Social Distancing Continues

The City of Firebaugh continues to monitor the threat of COVID-19 within our community. Based on current information, the city will continue to adhere to the state and county health official's orders to shelter at home, maintain social distancing, avoid social gathering and practice good hygiene.

Three weeks ago, an order was issued requiring Firebaugh businesses to remain closed between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. The city recognizes the need for businesses to serve our community and the agricultural industry. Therefore, effective immediately, businesses may resume back to their normal hours of operation. However, businesses must continue to following their operational plans, as required by past order Issued on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Currently, employees of essential businesses are required to wear facial masks while working. Effective 05/11/2020, it will be required that all customers, also, wear protective facial coverings when entering an essential business. Essential businesses must have posted signs at their entrance advising customers, that facial covering are required before entering the business.

Additionally, our local parks will remain closed for public gatherings. Unfortunately, the continued closure is necessary to protect the health of the entire community, and promote social distancing. Police will continue patrolling the parks to assure compliance.

This weekend is Mother's Day. As we honor our mothers, we must keep in mind that COVID-19 can be spread by people who DO NOT show any symptoms. We ask that families consider new ways to connect and celebrate their mother's without having large home gatherings. Some suggestions are family parades, having food or flowers delivered, group chats (such as Facetime, Zoom, Instagram Video Chat, Facebook Chat, or Skype.) Although this is not our normal practice, we must consider the safety of our families and homes.



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In the beginning of this pandemic, our town experienced a high number of confirmed patients. Citizens were very concerned, afraid, and demanding information and instructions. With most of those individuals recovered and cleared, we want to instill the importance of social distancing, the wearing of facial coverings, washing of hands more frequently, and sheltering at home to avoid recurrence of that very difficult time. The City understands the frustration of those who are tired of being at home and wanting things to go back to normal, but we must continue to be patient. We will get through this, but we can only do so, by following instructions and changing the way we do things on a daily basis.

Please contact the Firebaugh Police Department, if you have any questions regarding this local order (559) 659-3051.